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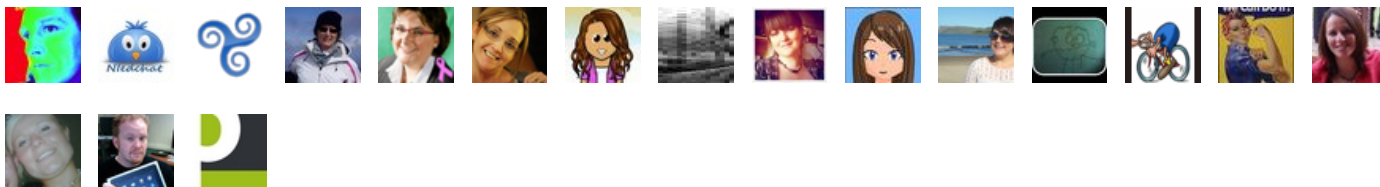
Niedchat 22nd February 2012

Mixed Ability Teaching

Trending Words

@dmchugh675, @amandasalt, ability, @mrmalcontent, rt, -, mixed, teachers, very, @msrgraham, time, school, learning, education, class

Event Participants





#poll for Wednesday night's #Nledchat <http://t.co/siLF54o1> via @Nledchat

21-Feb-12 07:34 | dmchugh675



There's still time to vote for Wednesday night's #Nledchat topic - <http://t.co/7qQWtkJ4> (please RT)

21-Feb-12 17:07 | Nledchat



RT "@Nledchat: There's still time to vote for Wednesday night's #Nledchat topic - <http://t.co/siLF54o1> (please RT)"

21-Feb-12 17:09 | dmchugh675



What twit thought Key Stage 3 assessment was a good idea? Looking at the requirements - talk about bureaucratic overload! #Nledchat

21-Feb-12 17:33 | BringBackCS



@BringBackCS I'm afraid that's what happens when learning is measured against a standard. Politicos like numbers and targets. #Nledchat

21-Feb-12 18:19 | dmchugh675



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21-Feb-12 19:22 | medv2



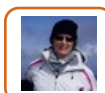
Have you voted for tonight's #Nledchat ?<http://t.co/7qQWtkJ4> (Please RT)

22-Feb-12 07:59 | Nledchat



"Mixed ability education: challenges and opportunities" is our topic for discussion on #niedchat @ 8.30. Everyone welcome." Please RT :)

22-Feb-12 10:55 | Nledchat



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22-Feb-12 10:58 | medv2



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22-Feb-12 10:59 | mcgrathaine



RT @Nledchat: "Mixed ability education: challenges and opportunities" is our topic for discussion on #niedchat @ 8.30. Everyone welcome." Please RT :)

22-Feb-12 11:04 | dmchugh675



@Nledchat #niedchat am going to miss it tonight! Will I submit few thoughts in advance- love the topic!

22-Feb-12 11:11 | helenhamill



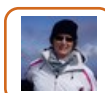
@helenhamill Feel free. If u want to make a reply to any point raised tonight I can delay archiving so it appears in the summary #Nledchat

22-Feb-12 12:14 | Nledchat



Missed this yesterday! Derry Catholic education overhaul phasing out academic selection. #niedchat <http://t.co/NVZ6MZwH>

22-Feb-12 17:01 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 #niedchat yeah was having a read of it last night - #letswaitnsee

22-Feb-12 17:27 | medv2



Join teachers from N.Ireland and further afield for #Nledchat @8.30 where we will be looking at mixed-ability education.

22-Feb-12 20:15 | Nledchat



RT @dmchugh675: Join teachers from N.Ireland and further afield for #Nledchat @8.30 where we will be looking at mixed-ability education.

22-Feb-12 20:15 | DoeMiSo



RT @dmchugh675: Join teachers from N.Ireland and further afield for #Nledchat @8.30 where we will be looking at mixed-ability education.

22-Feb-12 20:17 | DrTimony



On #Nledchat @8.30 (UK/Irish time) teachers will be discussing mixed ability education. Please join us!

22-Feb-12 20:20 | Nledchat



5 mins until tonight's #Nledchat. Topic...Mixed-ability education.

22-Feb-12 20:25 | dmchugh675



RT @Nledchat: On #Nledchat in an hour, teachers will be discussing mixed ability education. <<20:30 GMT

22-Feb-12 20:25 | senseilp



Does your school use setting, streaming or band, or do you have mixed ability groupings? We'd love to hear your views on #Nledchat @8.30

22-Feb-12 20:28 | Nledchat



I'll be taking part in #Nledchat for the next hour. :)

22-Feb-12 20:29 | dmchugh675



Welcome to #Nledchat. Please say hello and remember the hashtag!

22-Feb-12 20:30 | dmchugh675



If you wish for your tweets to appear in the #Nledchat archive, please wait an hour before re-protecting them. <http://t.co/JInfrzEK>

22-Feb-12 20:32 | dmchugh675



Bit of housekeeping.....In order for everyone to see your tweets they must be unprotected. You can re-protect them after the chat. #Nledchat

22-Feb-12 20:32 | dmchugh675



Where is everyone tonight?? #Nledchat

22-Feb-12 20:38 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 Wondering that myself - I'm 'sort of' around - multitasking! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:39 | hezmar



@hezmar half-term has taken it's toll! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:40 | dmchugh675



I'm a newcomer and a trainee MFL teacher so I'm just sitting back for this one!!! #Nledchat

22-Feb-12 20:41 | ClionaMolloy



@hezmar no idea! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:48 | dmchugh675



@Conmeister it's ok. School's off today...the boiler's broken again ;) #niedchat.

22-Feb-12 20:48 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 @hezmar you told me you rigged the vote every week! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:49 | Conmeister



@Conmeister As if...I wanted to talk about Homework! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:50 | dmchugh675



#niedchat Is there a strike action I didn't know about?

22-Feb-12 20:51 | Conmeister



"@dmchugh675: @Conmeister As if...I wanted to talk about Homework! #niedchat" < Me too:-)

22-Feb-12 20:51 | hezmar



@hezmar @dmchugh675 #niedchat impromptu homework discussion then?

22-Feb-12 20:53 | Conmeister



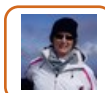
Sorry, folks. What have I missed? #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:54 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent nothing...literally!! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:55 | dmchugh675



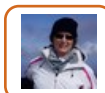
RT @medv2: #niedchat Hi folks, only in the door how's it going? #lastminute #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:55 | medv2



Looks quiet this evening. Many still on half term? #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:56 | MrMalcontent



#niedchat oops canny even spell my #'s ! evening all

22-Feb-12 20:56 | medv2



#Niedchat oops sorry guys! Had parents evening and forgot! Will read the feed later

22-Feb-12 20:56 | MsRGraham



Topic cancelled? Was looking forward to that one, too :(tales from my class last year would make hair curly! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:57 | MrMalcontent



@misscedge Of course...are you're tweets protected? They are not appearing in the #niedchat feed.

22-Feb-12 20:57 | dmchugh675



I've got a note from my mum! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:59 | MrMalcontent



@amandasalt Late is a very popular choice tonight Amanda! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:59 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 disjointed due to break, methinks. #niedchat

22-Feb-12 20:59 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 was going to abandon my children but then caught myself on! Weds only night I can't do 8.30pm cos of BB #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:00 | amandasalt



@dmchugh675 #niedchat, not all by choice, come on boss time to get us back in tow

22-Feb-12 21:00 | medv2



@dmchugh675 #niedchat sweats over Damien. You can start now...

22-Feb-12 21:00 | Conneist



@misscedge add "#Niedchat" to your tweets. ...without the "" of course :)

22-Feb-12 21:00 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 ooh, I imagine that line has been trotted out in class once or twice :0) #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:00 | MrMalcontent



Ok...if you insist. Mix-Ability...good or bad? #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:01 | dmchugh675



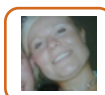
#niedchat we stream for literacy, numeracy, ict and science and we are an infants school. It works for us.

22-Feb-12 21:01 | misscedge



@misscedge I can see you now :) #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:02 | dmchugh675



#niedchat mixed ability groups in the afternoons though.

22-Feb-12 21:02 | misscedge



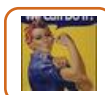
we tend to stream for KS4, A level is generally higher ability by nature of subject but KS3 is all ability tho in a grammar school #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:02 | amandasalt



Depends on the context and the teacher, I suppose (primary background). Needs a lot of extra effort for it to be successful #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:02 | MrMalcontent



#Niedchat I like teaching mixed ability but also I love challenging my high ability gcse class

22-Feb-12 21:03 | MsRGraham



@dmchugh675 lol #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:05 | amandasalt



#niedchat also depends on the cohort, although we stream, we still differentiate again within that group.

22-Feb-12 21:05 | misscedge



@MsRGraham What about high ability kids in all ability classes? #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:05 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent #niedchat differentiate for sure. Wide range of ability between some classes..

22-Feb-12 21:05 | Conneist



@o0xXeimearXx0o woop! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:06 | amandasalt



@misscedge What methods do you use to manage mixed ability lessons? #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:06 | dmchugh675



I'm lucky this year where I have a class of much the same ability. Last yr was fun, tho! classroom assistants - gives u an idea #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:06 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 differentiate by outcome rather than task normally for me (bear in mind our tail goes down to Es, despite intake) #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:07 | amandasalt



@dmchugh675 good point I enjoy challenging all pupils to think, I love thinking in general! #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:08 | MsRGraham



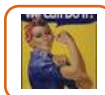
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22-Feb-12 21:08 | MsRGraham



@dmchugh675 teach the main idea of the lesson, then diff entire down to groups or individuals (or up in the case of some kids) #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:08 | MrMalcontent



@MsRGraham don't know that they always do, mind you, it is too much like hard work for them at times having to think #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:08 | amandasalt



#niedchat cutbacks mean many PSs gonna lose LS teachers, bigger pressure on class teachers :(

22-Feb-12 21:08 | medv2



@dmchugh675 @MrMalcontent well some are more all-ability than others. They tend to give up on langs first! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:10 | amandasalt



@medv2 agree, and will also mean bigger class sizes for extra pressure #niedchat #hashtagforgetter

22-Feb-12 21:11 | MrMalcontent



@amandasalt I teach in a thinking school do we teach them how to think :) #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:11 | MsRGraham



#niedchat very lucky, I have 2 full time TA's.

22-Feb-12 21:11 | misscedge



@dmchugh675 @MrMalcontent ironically there was massive streaming in my secondary school I taught in for 3 years #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:11 | amandasalt



Plus stats show langs marked harder, woe is us, harder to get the grades #niedchat #dontgetmestarted

22-Feb-12 21:12 | amandasalt



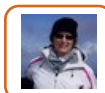
@amandasalt sorry Miss! #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:12 | MrMalcontent



@amandasalt New model proposed by CCMS is "Bilateral"...one school with a Grammar stream. Is this much different to what we have? #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:12 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent #niedchat peer support, stretching better pupils by them helping less able - another level of learning - realistic or not?

22-Feb-12 21:13 | medv2



@MrMalcontent lol. Can't imagine the ability range in a primary classroom, am awed by thought of one class huge range all day! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:13 | amandasalt



@amandasalt have nothing against streaming in PP and in areas of Primary. Some are more / less able than others. It's a fact #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:13 | MrMalcontent



@misscedge sounds very challenging! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:13 | dmchugh675



@amandasalt #niedchat what she said. #languagesteacherdefenceleague

22-Feb-12 21:14 | Conneist



RT @MsRGraham: I usually give pupils a choice of tasks so they can decide how to demonstrate their learning #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:14 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 Lagan college #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:14 | MrMalcontent



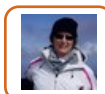
@dmchugh675 @MsRGraham We have a whole school focus on independent learning this year, trying to promote thinking #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:15 | amandasalt



@amandasalt last year's NFER scores ranged from below 69 to children scoring above 130 in Eng and Maths. That was a challenge #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:16 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent #Niedchat maybe not so feasible in PP but have seen gr8t PS examples - love this kinda model on so many levels

22-Feb-12 21:16 | medv2



@medv2 I think that can be tough on the better pupils, where's the learning an stretching? on occasion, but not all the time #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:16 | amandasalt



@dmchugh675 @MsRGraham a bit like the flipped classroom or not? #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:17 | amandasalt



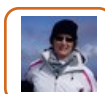
@amandasalt #niedchat definately for another time that discussion. Can't win either with shitty modules with don't challenge at all..

22-Feb-12 21:17 | Conneist



@medv2 it is good. Also cuts down on time of teacher being taken away from group work. #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:17 | MrMalcontent



@amandasalt #niedchat agreed Amanda , PS lends itself better to opp for diff pupils to be the experts

22-Feb-12 21:18 | medv2



"@amandasalt: @Conneist really seeing impact of CAs at A level this year :-(#niedchat" < CA Classroom Assistant? Why?

22-Feb-12 21:18 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent nope, controlled assessment, sorry! #niedchat@Conneist

22-Feb-12 21:20 | amandasalt



@dmchugh675 I see myself as a learning facilitator not a teacher #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:20 | MsRGraham



@amandasalt @medv2 there's very little evidence to say that more able are disadvantaged. #niedchat <http://t.co/WNwcUt9Q>

22-Feb-12 21:20 | dmchugh675



RT @MsRGraham: @dmchugh675 I see myself as a learning facilitator not a teacher #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:20 | dmchugh675



@amandasalt ah. #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:20 | MrMalcontent



@amandasalt I use thinking maps in almost every lesson to promote independent thinking #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:21 | MsRGraham



@dmchugh675 . and feel the weakest pupils really feel it at GCSE. Only thing is it can be bit easier in terms of pushing most able #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:23 | amandasalt



My one bug-bear with the system is lack of recognition that children mature at different levels and times. #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:24 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent Children do internalize what we say about them. Remember this from teacher training?? <http://t.co/6ubUSdqS> #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:25 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 think you have to look at e difference between the PP and PS to develop this thread #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:25 | MrMalcontent



RT @MsRGraham: <http://t.co/WH1rNiir> #niedchat > @SSmyth4 , check this out

22-Feb-12 21:25 | amandasalt



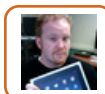
@MrMalcontent #Niedchat My bug bear is that it is very diff to manage all aspirational T&L when only seeing students for 35 mins at a time

22-Feb-12 21:26 | medv2



@amandasalt I'd love to see mixed ability tried in KS3...the curriculum here lends itself to it. #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:26 | dmchugh675



RT @amandasalt: Do PS teachers feel that they push the gifted kids enough? #niedchat-->great question! #gtchat #gtie

22-Feb-12 21:26 | tbbrwn



RT @medv2: @MrMalcontent #Niedchat My bug bear is that it is very diff to manage all aspirational T&L when only seeing students for 35 mins at a time

22-Feb-12 21:27 | dmchugh675



@medv2 yep, tho our SMT talking about trying to use the flipped classroom concept to ease this a little #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:27 | amandasalt



@medv2 @mrmalcontent now there's a big bear! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:27 | Conneist



@dmchugh675 mixed to the same extent as primary schools? #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:27 | amandasalt



RT @MrMalcontent: My one bug-bear with the system is lack of recognition that children mature at different levels and times. #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:27 | dmchugh675



@amandasalt I think we can, you guys don't get them at level 5 by accident... #PSteachersdefenceleague #Niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:27 | MrMalcontent



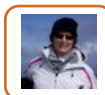
@tbbrwn why thank you, kind sir #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:27 | amandasalt



Yeah, 35 mins for a lesson? How are you supposed to develop a theme in that time. Doesn't seem right #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:29 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent #niedchat Do we need 'middle schools' here then i.e. KS3 more or less like KS2 #duckingjustincase

22-Feb-12 21:30 | medv2



@amandasalt it takes a PS teacher 2 be prepared 2 push the children on. Some are quite content to sit back for 6mths after 'tests' #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:31 | MrMalcontent



@amandasalt As far as I can work out very few school systems "stream" like we do. Setting seems more popular...and fairer. #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:31 | dmchugh675



@MsRGraham I find for langs that difference in confidence/ fluency massive between As and A2, tho try to push all. Less vocab AS #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:31 | amandasalt



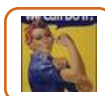
@dmchugh675 *whispers* what is difference between streaming and setting? #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:31 | amandasalt



@medv2 I think do. Some schools keep yr 8 and 9 together and teachers come to them, a la PS. Must work... #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:32 | MrMalcontent



@amandasalt I work in England and groups are as mixed as they would be in Primary and it works. #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:32 | MsRGraham



Anyway, who's up for a big 'knees up' next Friday? #niedchat #tmbelfast

22-Feb-12 21:33 | MrMalcontent



@MsRGraham it is the thought of change that freaks most, I would imagine. #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:33 | amandasalt



Time's up folks...quick half hour! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:33 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent me me me! #tmbelfast #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:33 | amandasalt



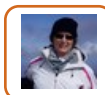
@MrMalcontent Me! Lookin forward to it! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:34 | dmchugh675



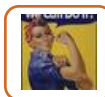
@dmchugh675 so sorry can't make 8.30, please accept very sincere apologies, I hate being late :-(#niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:34 | amandasalt



@MrMalcontent #niedchat #tmbelfast I planning to, if you dont lock the doors, switch off the lights and pretend yous' are not there LOL

22-Feb-12 21:34 | medv2



@amandasalt <http://t.co/XzS7wita> this is the case study from my school and thinking maps #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:36 | MsRGraham



@dmchugh675 #niedchat Why do you think that is? It is the norm every where else.

22-Feb-12 21:37 | MsRGraham



@amandasalt I hope you're joking! This is not a dictatorship...you can come and go as you please! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:38 | dmchugh675



@MsRGraham Two many reasons to mention...but at the base of it is our traditional outlook and allegiances IMO. #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:45 | dmchugh675



@amandasalt Sets are done subject by subject. You could be in top set for Maths...bottom for English. #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:47 | dmchugh675



@MsRGraham *too*...how embarrassing! #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:48 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent @MsRGraham Now that you mention ties
....<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/jul/25/secondary-school-streaming> #niedchat

22-Feb-12 21:52 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 #niedchat OMG, thats enough to stop me sleeping at night - for real? #frightening

22-Feb-12 21:54 | medv2



@MsRGraham: @dmchugh675 I see myself as a learning facilitator not a teacher #Niedchat" >>> How refreshing, enabling others to learn

22-Feb-12 22:11 | PrincipledLearn